

Oregon takes game, season series from OSU

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During three heartbreaking Civil War losses last season, Oregon appeared to be knocking on the door for hoop supremacy in the state. In Wednesday night's 83-66 triumph over Oregon State at McArthur Court, they broke it down.

Richard Lucas started fast and helped the Ducks to a 36-29 halftime lead with 12 points and five rebounds in the opening stanza, and when Terrell Brandon came out smoking after the intermission, Oregon (5-5 in the Pac-10, 10-10 overall) cruised to its second win of the year against Oregon State for the first time since 1977-78. "I thought Lucas really set

the tone early," Oregon Coach Don Monson said, "and Terrell had a great second half offensively."

Lucas was nine of 12 from the field for the game, including four monster dunks that got the crowd and his teammates going.

"My mentality is that if I get the ball, I'm going to try and dunk it," Lucas said.

Brandon knocked home 22 of his game-high 32 points in the second half to pace the Ducks, and for the second consecutive game, he had plenty of help.

"It was another really complete effort defensively and offensively," Monson said as his team moved into a four-way tie for third place in the conference.

After only hitting 40 percent

of their field goal attempts in the first half, Oregon warmed up and connected on 17 of their 28 second-half shots (61 percent) and finished the night 14 of 15 from the foul line. Not bad for a team that only made 9 of 24 from the line in their last outing.

Last month in Corvallis, the Beavers manhandled Oregon on the boards on their way to 84-76 victory. Wednesday night, Lucas and Bob Fife made sure that wouldn't happen again.

Lucas finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, in his final Civil War contest, while Fife chipped in with 14 boards as the pair helped give Oregon a 43-29 rebounding edge, and help quiet Beaver players who said after the last game that Oregon didn't know how to block out on the boards.

"All the talk that went on after the last game, we took it personally," Lucas said, "and we decided we'd do our talking on the court."

"Rebounding is what hurt us," Anderson said, "but it was really 'cause we couldn't stop them," how many rebounding drills we've done."

Monson and Oregon State Coach Jim Anderson agreed with Lucas that the battle of the boards was the difference.

"The boards really hurt us last time," Monson said, "but this time we got them. I thought Fife did a good job rebounding for us."

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Meanwhile, Brandon struggled in the first half and Monson even substituted freshman Clyde Jordan for him, leaving Brandon and the rest of the 9,756 screaming fans in the Pit puzzled.

"I thought he was trying to force it a little," Monson said. "I just told him to let the game come to him."

Brandon was back within a minute, and for the rest of the evening, the game belonged to the point guard and the Ducks.

"When they needed a hoop, Brandon would get it for them. We couldn't stop him," Anderson said.

Teo Alibegovic paced the Beavers (5-5, 11-9) with 26 points despite constant harassment from Lucas.

"Teo is tough," Monson said.

OREGON STATE (66)
M. Jackson 2-6, 0-2, 5, Alibegovic 9-20, 4-5, 26, Scott 1-8, 0-0, 2, Harris 2-6, 0-0, 6, McKinney 1-6, 2-2, 4, Brantley 7-12, 1-1, 15, Anderson 2-2, 4-4, 8, Cavell 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 24-60, 11-14, 66

OREGON (83)
Lyden 2-8, 4-4, 8, Fife 1-6, 1-2, 3, Lucas 9-12, 2-2, 20, Brandon 12-21, 6-6, 32, Mixon 6-15, 0-0, 15, Jordan 1-1, 1-1, 3, van der Veen 0-0, 0-0, Johnson 1-1, 0-0, 2, Patterson 0-0, 0-0, 0 Blair 0-1, 0-0, 0, O'Neil 0-0, 0-0, 0, Jackson 0-0, 0-0, 0, Totals 32-65, 14-15, 83

Oregon State 29 37 66
Oregon 36 47 83

3-Point goals — Oregon State 7-16 (Alibegovic 4-5, Harris 2-5, Jackson 1-1, Scott 0-2, McKinney 0-2, Brantley 0-1), Oregon 5-16 (Mixon 3-9, Brandon 2-3, Lyden 0-3, Blair 0-1). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Oregon State 29 (Scott 8), Oregon 43 (Fife 14). Assists — Oregon State 7 (Alibegovic, M. Jackson 2), Oregon 14 (Mixon 4). Total fouls — Oregon State 15, Oregon 10. A — 9,756.

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